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Business Indicators

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FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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August 1996	19 August 1996
September 1996	23 September 1996

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

UPDATED SERIES

Series updated since the June 1996 issue are: state accounts; labour force; job vacancies; industrial disputes; housing finance; building approvals; retail turnover; tourism; and new motor vehicle registrations. A feature article on Labour Mobility in the ACT is included on page 6.

NOTABLE MOVEMENTS

Trend Gross State Product at average 1989-90 prices for the ACT increased by 0.4% in the March quarter 1996 to \$2,102 million an increase of 0.9% over the year. The trend GSP at current prices increased by 1.3% in the March quarter 1996 and increased by 2.8% over the year.

The trend number of persons employed in the ACT has fallen for each of the last eight months from a peak of 159,700 persons in October 1995 to 155,300 persons in June 1996 (an overall fall of 4,400 persons or -2.8%). Over the same period, the trend unemployment rate has steadily increased from 7.0% to 8.4% and the trend participation rate has decreased from 74.3% to 72.9%.

There were 800 job vacancies recorded in the ACT in May 1996; a decrease of 50.0% from February 1996 and 38.5% from May 1995. Job vacancies in the private sector decreased by 72.1% to 200 and in the public sector decreased by 21.9% to 600.

In March 1996, there were 26 working days lost per 1,000 employees in the ACT compared with 85 working days lost per 1,000 employees nationally.

The trend number of dwelling units financed (includes refinancing) in the ACT has fallen for each of the last 4 months from a peak of 869 dwellings units financed in December 1995 to 821 dwellings units financed in April 1996 (an overall fall of 5.5%). The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT in April 1996 was \$82.5 million, a decrease of 2.0% on the previous month.

The trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT has fallen for each of the last 6 months from a peak of 246 dwellings in November 1995 to 151 dwellings in May 1996 (an overall fall of 38.6%). Over the same period nationally, it has increased by 3.2%.

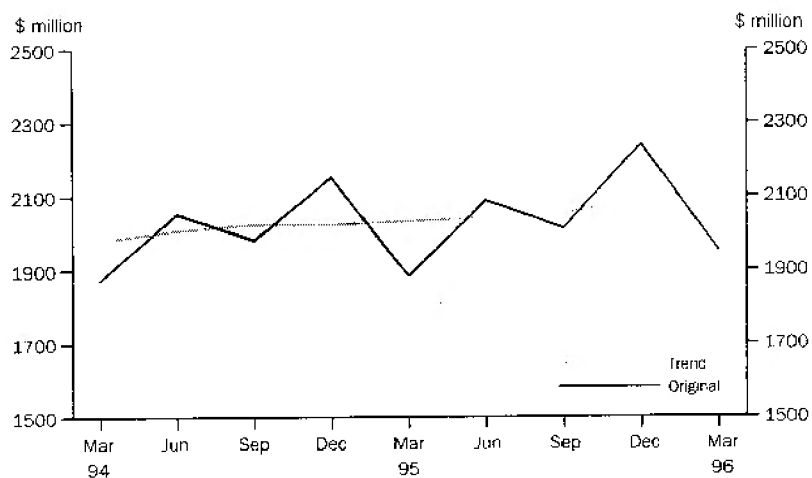
The trend estimate for retail turnover in the ACT for May 1996 was \$190.4 million, up slightly on the previous month's figure of \$189.4 million. Nationally trend retail turnover has increased by 5.9% over the last 12 months compared to 3.9% for the ACT.

Room occupancy rates for hotels, motels and guest houses in the March quarter 1996 was 59.8%, down 4.8 points on the previous month and down 5.6 points over the last 12 months. For 4 and 5 star hotels, motels and guest house, the room occupancy rate fell to 69.4% in the March quarter 1996 compared with 78.8% in the March quarter 1995.

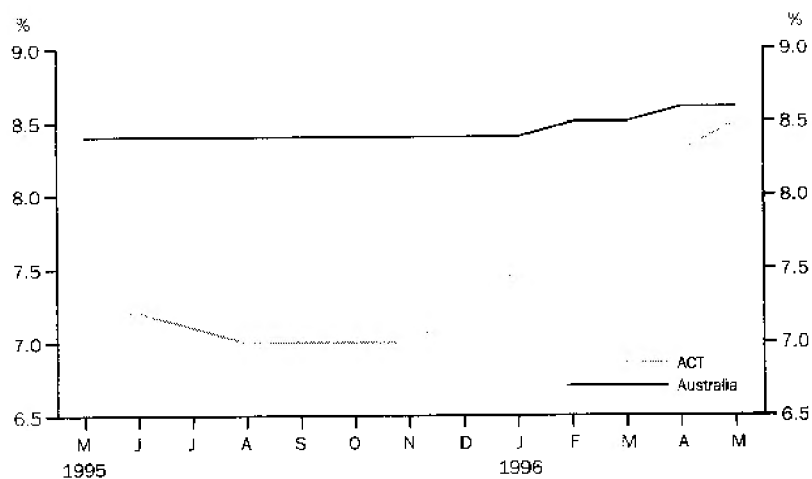
The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for the ACT in May 1996 was 1,019, a decrease of 1.4% over April 1996, and 2.7% lower than for May 1995. Nationally, the trend for total new registrations has shown consecutive rises since October 1995, with May 1996 recording a slight increase.

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

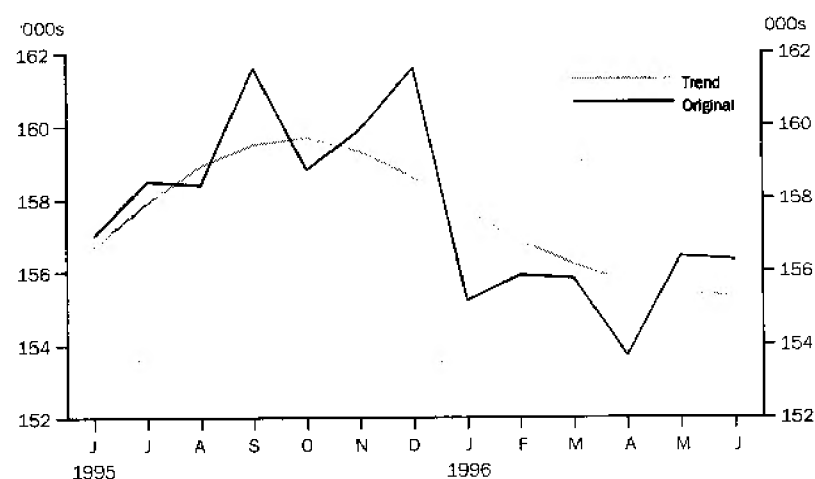
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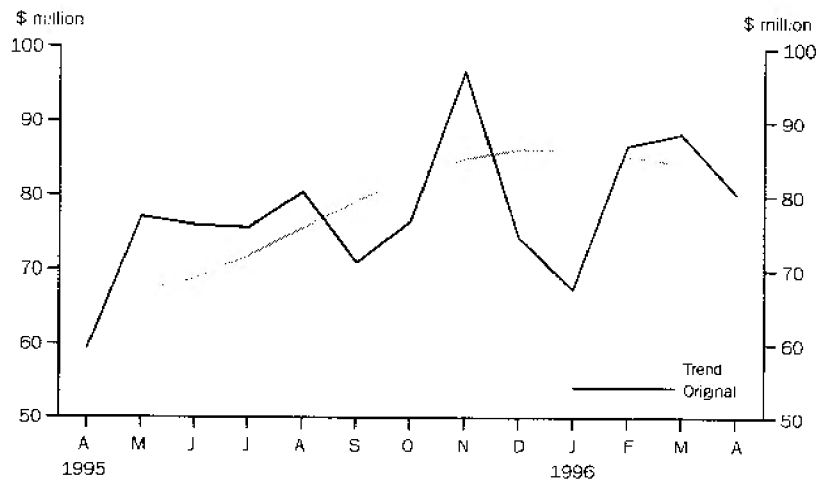
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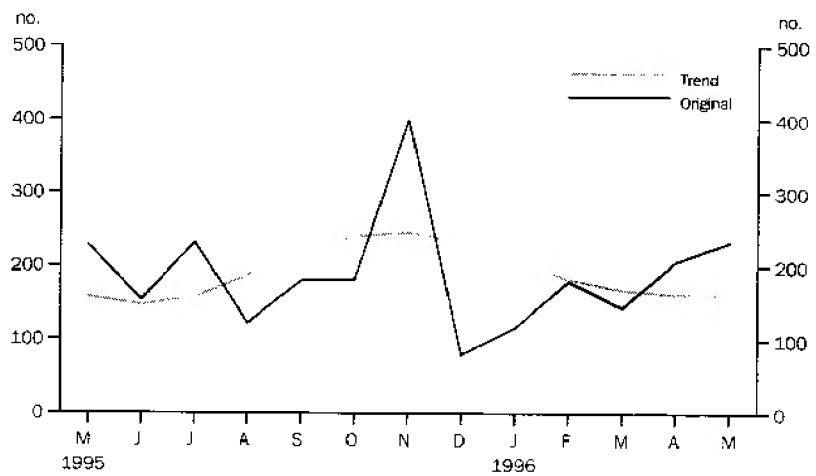
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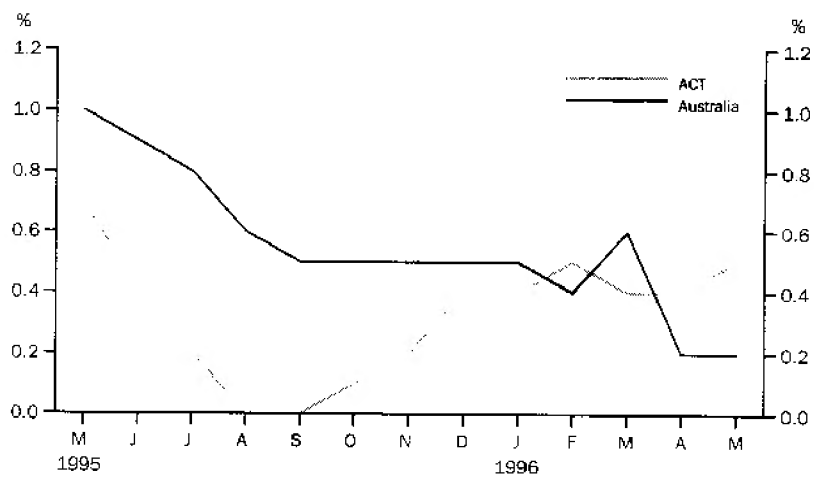
HOUSING FINANCE —
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LABOUR MOBILITY, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, FEBRUARY 1996

Summarised below are the results for the ACT from the Labour Mobility Survey which was run in association with the February 1996 Labour Force Survey. The survey provides information on Labour Mobility for persons aged 15 to 69 years.

The survey found that an estimated 168,840 persons aged 15–69 years in the ACT had worked at some time during the year ending February 1996. Some 92% of these people were working in February 1996, with the balance either looking for work (4%) or not in the labour force (4%).

Of the 155,500 persons working in February 1996, 75% had been in their current job for the whole year, 18% had started their current job during the year and had a previous job during the year and 7% had started their current job during the year and had no previous job during the year.

Job mobility was greatest for persons aged 20–24 years (43%) and least for those aged 45–54 years (20%) and 55–69 years (21%). Job mobility ratios for males and females were similar (30% and 31% respectively).

Job mobility amongst Australian-born persons (32%) was similar to that for those born overseas in main English speaking countries (29%). However, job mobility was markedly lower (at 23%) for those born in other countries.

Family members tended to be less job mobile than non-family members (29% compared with 39%) and married persons were less job mobile than those who were not married (28% compared with 35%).

Some 39,331 persons who were working in February 1996 had been in their current occupation for less than one year. Of these people 25% were clerks, 21% were salespersons and personal service workers and 18% were professionals.

Some 8,614 persons who were working in February 1995 and February 1996 had changed State and become usual residents of the ACT.

LABOUR MOBILITY, SELECTED STATISTICS FOR ACT, FEBRUARY 1996

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Had worked at some time during year	89 710	79 130	168 840
Were working at February 1996	82 640	72 860	155 500
Duration of current job			
Under 1 year	19 406	19 925	39 331
Under 3 months	7 767	7 277	15 044
3 and under 6 months	3 495	5 230	8 726
6 and under 12 months	8 144	7 417	15 561
1 and under 2 years	10 243	10 934	21 177
2 and under 3 years	7 786	7 324	15 110
3 and under 5 years	10 203	9 634	19 837
5 and under 10 years	15 366	13 365	28 731
10 years and over	19 636	11 678	31 314
10 and under 20 years	12 793	9 316	22 108
20 years and over	6 843	2 362	9 205

Source: *Labour Mobility, Australia, February 1996* (6209.0).

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AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS: SALES, JUNE QUARTER 1996/MARCH QUARTER 1997, EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE

<i>Period</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory %</i>	<i>Australia %</i>
Short-term		
Dec. qtr 1994-Mar. qtr 1995	-1.3	-0.5
Mar. qtr 1995-June qtr 1995	5.2	1.4
June qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1995	0.8	1.3
Sept. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1995	2.0	2.1
Dec. qtr 1995-Mar. qtr 1996	0.5	-0.2
Mar. qtr 1996-June qtr 1996	1.8	2.3
Medium-term		
Dec. qtr 1994-Dec. qtr 1995	3.5	3.3
Mar. qtr 1995-Mar. qtr 1996	3.0	3.0
June qtr 1995-June qtr 1996	-0.8	2.3
Sept. qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1996	3.1	3.4
Dec. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1996	3.8	4.4
Mar. qtr 1996-Mar. qtr 1997	2.3	4.1

Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from		Latest figure	Change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous		Previous period	Same period previous
POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR							
POPULATION							
December qtr 95	'000s	304.9	—	1.1	18 173.6	0.3	1.3
Natural increase	no.	964	37.3	22.3	30 744	4.9	-7.6
Net migration	no.	-927	-1 216.9	50.7	28 428	-8.6	223.1
Total increase	no.	37	-95.3	-78.6	59 172	-2.1	40.6
LABOUR FORCE, June 96							
Original series							
Employed	'000s	156.3	-0.1	-0.4	8 354.1	0.2	1.0
Unemployed	'000s	12.4	-8.1	14.8	730.5	-3.7	0.8
Unemployment rate ¹	%	7.3	-0.6	0.9	8.0	-0.3	-0.1
Participation rate ¹	%	72.6	0.5	-0.2	63.3	-0.2	-0.4
Long-term unemployed (May 96)	no.	2540	14.9	-16.1	205 489	-6.0	-16.6
Long-term unemployed as percentage total unemployed (May 96) ¹	%	18.8	-1.3	-6.1	27.1	-0.5	-5.6
Trend series							
Employed	'000s	155.3	-0.1	-0.9	8 314.4	—	0.8
Unemployed	'000s	14.3	1.4	18.2	777.6	—	3.0
Unemployment rate ¹	%	8.4	0.1	1.2	8.6	—	0.2
Participation rate ¹	%	72.9	-0.1	-0.4	63.4	-0.1	-0.3
JOB VACANCIES, May 96	'000s	0.8	-50.0	-38.5	53.6	-16.1	-0.2
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, March 96							
Working days lost	'000s	—	-100.0	—	87.4	91.7	92.5
Days lost per '000 employees (year ended March 96)	no.	26.0	—	333.3	85.0	7.6	13.3
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION							
HOUSING FINANCE, May 96							
Secured commitments to individuals for							
Original series							
Construction of dwellings	\$m	5.5	11.3	9.8	489.4	-14.2	8.1
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	8.7	3.6	26.1	193.5	-1.3	32.4
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	50.7	9.8	41.6	2 791.9	-15.2	24.1
Total housing commitments	\$m	80.3	-9.2	35.2	3 474.8	-14.4	22.0
Seasonally adjusted series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	80.2	-5.4	26.3	3 681.9	-0.1	17.5
Trend series							
Dwelling units financed	no.	821	-2.0	24.0	38 592	-0.3	13.9
Total housing commitments	\$m	82.5	-2.0	23.1	3 751.4	-0.3	14.5
BUILDING APPROVALS, May 96							
Original series							
Dwelling units	no.	233	13.1	2.2	12 089	22.1	-13.6
Value of new residential	\$m	24.1	47.9	9.5	1270.1	33.7	-5.4
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	4.1	-66.4	-10.9	203	2.3	-5.3
Value of non-residential	\$m	109.3	494.0	554.5	1119.9	33.3	17.3
Value of total building	\$m	137.5	193.8	216.8	2593	30.4	3.2
Trend series							
Dwelling units	no.	151	-6.2	3.8	10 502	0.6	-12.1
BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, Dec. qtr 95							
New houses	no.	380	9.8	1.9	22 351.0	6.1	-29.9
Value of houses commenced	\$m	44.1	18.9	4.0	2 281.1	-6.2	-25.0
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m	57.9	-6.2	-21.0	2 388.6	-2.9	8.5
Value of total commencements	\$m	152.0	9.8	-12.8	6 001.9	-7.5	-17.2
PRICE INDEXES							
Established house price index, Mar. qtr 96	(1989-90=100.0)	127.0	-1.2	-2.9	112.2	-0.2	-0.9

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Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from		Latest figure	Change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous		Previous period	Same period previous
PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING							
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX							
March qtr 96		(1989-90=100.0)					
Food		119.2	0.3	2.4	115.9	0.2	2.4
Housing		112.2	0.4	3.2	105.7	-0.4	2.8
Transportation		127.5	0.3	6.5	122.4	0.1	4.3
All groups		120.8	0.7	3.9	119.0	0.4	3.7
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, February 96							
Original series							
Males	\$	759.7	1.4	7.3	668.1	0.8	2.8
Females	\$	525.9	1.9	2.6	439.4	2.2	2.0
Total persons	\$	639.7	1.2	4.8	562.6	1.5	2.6
Trend series							
Males	\$	760.9	1.6	7.7	665.0	0.5	2.6
Females	\$	520.9	0.3	3.0	434.6	0.4	1.6
Total persons	\$	638.6	0.9	5.7	558.4	0.7	2.4
RETAIL TURNOVER, May 96							
Original series							
Food retailing	\$m	81.3	7.3	11.2	4 185.8	3.9	12.0
Department stores	\$m	23.6	—	4.0	962.8	6.8	3.8
Hospitality and services	\$m	29.4	0.3	-2.0	1 711.2	-1.5	3.8
All other retailing	\$m	58.7	0.9	8.5	3 305.2	6.9	5.5
Total	\$m	193.0	3.3	7.3	10 165.0	4.2	7.6
Trend Series							
Food retailing	'000s	79.3	1.0	7.9	4 150.3	0.6	9.1
Department stores	\$m	23.1	-0.9	-2.9	952.5	-0.9	—
Hospitality and services	\$m	29.8	1.0	-1.0	1 779.6	—	4.2
All other retailing	%	58.2	0.2	4.3	3 328.5	—	4.8
Total	'000s	190.4	0.5	3.9	10 210.9	0.2	5.9
TOURISM AND TRANSPORT							
HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, Dec. qtr 95							
Original series							
Room nights	'000s	216.0	2.6	0.1	9 293.5	-0.1	2.7
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.2	1.1	4.3	873.6	2.6	9.6
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.0	0.6	-1.2	737.5	1.8	4.4
Room occupancy rate (Mar. qtr 96) ¹	%	59.8	-4.8	-5.6	59.0	-0.7	0.9
Seasonally adjusted series							
Room nights	'000s	202.3	-2.8	-0.8	9 106.2	1.1	2.8
Takings at current prices	\$m	18.1	-6.2	2.3	841.8	1.3	9.7
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	15.1	-6.8	-2.6	710.6	0.6	4.5
Trend series							
Room nights	'000s	200.4	-5.6	-4.1	9 081.2	0.8	2.8
Takings at current prices	\$m	18.1	-6.7	-1.6	841.1	1.7	9.7
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	15.5	-4.3	-4.3	711.0	1.2	5.1
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, May. 96							
Motor vehicles	no.	1 109	18.4	-12.9	57 837	15.5	-9.8
Seasonally adjusted motor vehicles	no.	1 020	-6.8	-10.5	51 915	-6.2	-9.1
Trend motor vehicles	no.	1 019	-1.4	-2.7	54 172	0.1	-0.7

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Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Change from			Change from		
		Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous
AGGREGATE INDICATORS							
STATE ACCOUNTS, Mar. qtr 96 ²							
Original series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	1 951	-12.2	1.2	104 318	-8.1	4.0
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 330	-11.1	2.7	117 876	-7.2	6.8
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 770	-8.4	3.9	101 583	-8.2	4.1
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 346	-8.4	5.2	73 492	-7.3	7.4
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	174	-24.0	-11.7	17 394	-14.1	0.6
Trend series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 102	0.4	0.9	107 825	1.0	3.4
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 496	1.3	2.8	121 678	1.6	6.1
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 938	1.0	2.7	107 068	0.9	3.1
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 420	1.2	5.0	76 476	1.5	6.8
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	207	5.6	-5.5	19 074	0.0	-1.0

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.

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ACT IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION											
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons (trend)	'000s	Dec. qtr 95	6 155.0	4 521.8	3 316.5	1 475.9	1 747.0	473.2	176.7	304.9	18 173.6
Unemployment rate (trend)	%	June 96	8.1	8.5	9.2	9.3	7.7	10.6	7.0	8.4	8.6
STATE ACCOUNTS¹											
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	\$m	Mar. qtr 96	36 672	28 647	17 453	7 467	11 759	2 182	1 224	2 102	107 825
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	\$m	Mar. qtr 96	42 126	32 019	19 447	8 786	12 689	2 552	1 292	2 496	121 678
BUILDING APPROVALS											
Dwelling units approved	no.	May 96	4 514	2 043	3 053	505	1 420	175	146	233	12 089
Dwelling units approved (trend)	no.	May 96	3 607	1 938	2 658	459	1 341	199	158	151	10 502
Value of non residential building approved	\$m	May 96	302.2	259.1	141.3	143.6	117.4	32.3	14.7	109.3	1 119.9
Value of all buildings approved	\$m	May 96	895.3	514.5	514.0	194.3	257.8	49.5	30.0	137.5	2 593.0
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION											
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	Dec. qtr 95	1 302.7	575.8	844.1	169.5	743.2	68.4	60.6	38.9	3 803.3
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	\$	Feb. qtr 96	694.90	658.00	615.30	623.10	683.60	619.80	663.30	771.30	664.80
RETAIL TRADE											
Retail turnover (trend)	\$m	May 96	3 669.0	2 328.6	1 851.4	764.6	1 038.7	249.7	118.4	190.4	10 210.9
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION											
Room nights occupied (trend)	'000s	Dec. qtr 95	3 128.3	1 473.3	2 388.0	509.2	811.5	274.8	295.8	200.4	9 081.2
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Trend	no.	May 96	18 430	13 029	10 237	3741	5 886	1 167	663	1 019	54 172
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1989-90=100.0)											
Food	Unit	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
Housing		Mar. qtr 96	116.6	113.6	117.0	118.2	116.9	118.1	117.4	119.2	115.9
Transportation		Mar. qtr 96	109.2	99.8	112.1	103.9	101.2	107.2	120.2	112.2	105.7
All Groups		Mar. qtr 96	122.8	121.9	120.5	123.9	123.2	119.0	117.9	127.5	122.4
Average retail prices (cents)		Mar. qtr 96	119.1	118.3	119.6	121.6	117.1	120.1	119.8	120.8	119.0
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	Mar. qtr 96	113.0	120.0	114.0	114.0	120.0	120.0	111.0	106.0	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, slood, supermarket sales	680 g	Mar. qtr 96	185.0	164.0	179.0	152.0	170.0	152.0	190.0	179.0	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	1 kg	Mar. qtr 96	1 307.0	1 150.0	1 101.0	1 122.0	1 091.0	1 177.0	1 230.0	1 143.0	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	Mar. qtr 96	277.0	337.0	269.0	350.0	333.0	340.0	380.0	310.0	n.a.
Potatoes	1 kg	Mar. qtr 96	96.0	112.0	101.0	72.0	117.0	88.0	124.0	93.0	n.a.
Coffee, instant (jar)	150 g	Mar. qtr 96	575.0	572.0	584.0	552.0	556.0	638.0	581.0	586.0	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	Mar. qtr 96	313.0	269.0	249.0	318.0	376.0	218.0	306.0	270.0	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, leaded	1 litre	Mar. qtr 96	72.5	71.9	64.1	73.6	75.2	76.0	76.9	75.6	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, unleaded	1 litre	Mar. qtr 96	70.5	69.8	62.1	71.3	73.1	74.0	74.9	73.5	n.a.

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ACT IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA — PERCENTAGE CHANGES

Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	Dec. qtr 95	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.4	—	1.1	—	0.3
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons (trend)	June. 96	—	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	—
Unemployment rate (trend) ¹	June. 96	0.1	-0.1	—	-0.1	—	0.1	-0.2	0.1	—
STATE ACCOUNTS²										
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	Mar. qtr 96	1.0	1.4	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.4	1.0
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	Mar. qtr 96	1.6	1.8	0.8	1.5	1.6	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.6
BUILDING APPROVALS										
Dwelling units approved	May. 96	45.8	9.3	13.9	17.4	21.5	-28.9	-26.3	13.1	22.1
Dwelling units approved (trend)	May. 96	2.2	-1.0	1.9	1.1	-2.6	-1.7	9.6	-6.1	0.6
Value of non-residential building approved	May. 96	13.2	57.3	-46.0	422.2	76.5	173.7	-35.2	494.0	33.3
Value of all buildings approved	May. 96	32.7	30.1	-4.4	186.2	37.0	29.2	25.2	193.8	30.4
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION										
Value of engineering construction work done	Dec. qtr 95	4.1	9.6	16.6	19.8	45.1	58.0	17.7	22.3	16.0
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	Feb. qtr 96	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.9	1.8	0.8	—	1.1	0.8
RETAIL TRADE										
Retail turnover (trend)	May. 96	—	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION										
Room nights occupied (trend)	Dec. qtr 95	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.0	2.7	-5.6	0.8
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Trend	May. 96	-0.1	—	-0.8	-0.2	2.3	2.7	0.6	-1.4	0.1
	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX										
(1989-90 = 100.0)										
Food	Mar. qtr 96	0.2	-0.4	1.0	—	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.2
Housing	Mar. qtr 96	0.7	-2.9	—	0.1	0.4	0.7	1.1	0.4	-0.4
Transportation	Mar. qtr 96	0.7	-0.5	0.3	-0.3	0.1	-0.9	-0.3	0.3	0.1
All Groups	Mar. qtr 96	0.7	-0.2	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.4
Average retail prices (cents)										
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	Mar. qtr 96	1.8	2.6	1.8	—	3.4	—	1.8	—	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	Mar. qtr 96	-0.5	—	-0.6	2.7	2.4	-1.3	0.5	—	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	Mar. qtr 96	-0.3	2.8	3.0	-0.7	-0.9	5.7	3.6	-0.7	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	Mar. qtr 96	-1.1	3.7	0.7	5.7	1.2	5.3	6.1	2.3	n.a.
Potatoes	Mar. qtr 96	-27.8	-36.7	-33.1	-46.3	-2.5	-5.4	-18.4	-31.6	n.a.
Coffee, instant	Mar. qtr 96	-2.7	-3.1	-2.7	—	-3.6	-0.9	1.6	0.7	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	Mar. qtr 96	—	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.5	1.4	—	-6.3	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, leaded	Mar. qtr 96	0.8	-1.5	—	-0.5	-0.7	-3.2	-0.3	-0.7	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, unleaded	Mar. qtr 96	0.9	-1.7	—	-0.6	-0.8	-3.3	-0.3	-0.8	n.a.

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.

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